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### **GOV. EASLEY REAPPOINTS FOUR TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION**

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley has reappointed **Tommy Cook** of Rockingham, **B.J. Barnes** of Summerfield, **Frank Palombo** of New Bern and **L. Bryant Woodall** of Raleigh to the North Carolina Emergency Response Commission.

Cook is associate director of patient care transport services for First Health of the Carolinas. He is a member of the North Carolina Association of Emergency Medical Services Administrators, the Moore County Emergency Advisory Council and the Mid-Carolina Regional Advisory Council. Cook received his associate's degree in emergency services from Montgomery Community College.

Barnes is sheriff of Guilford County. He is a member of the Kiwanis of Greensboro and a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason. Barnes received the Kiwanis-Hixson Award in 1998. He received his associate's degree in criminal and juvenile justice from Guilford Technical Community College.

Palombo is chief of the New Bern Police Department. He is a member of the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Palombo received his Bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of South Florida in Tampa and his Master's degree in public administration from Troy State University in Troy, Ala.

Woodall is assistant fire chief for the Raleigh Fire Department. He is a member of the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs. Woodall received his associate's degree from Wake Technical Community College.

The commission appoints local emergency planning committees and supervises and coordinates the activities of the committees. Members work to establish procedures for reviewing and processing requests from the public and designate emergency planning districts to facilitate preparation and implementation of emergency plans and review plans for preventing, responding to and recovering from acts of terrorism. The board has 18 members, six serving a two-year term and 12 serving at the pleasure of the governor. The governor appoints all members.

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